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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Attorney Docket No. Basavanhally 32-9-4

Re application of: Nagesh R. Basavanhally, David A. Ramsey, and Hong Tang

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Examiner: Dupuis, Derek L.
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For: Coupler Assembly for an Optical Backplane System

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on 01/26/2006 contains an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Statement appears to cite only a portion of the claim language from independent claims 30 and 31. The Applicant submits that each of the independent claims recites additional language. To that extent, the Applicant objects to the Statement. In general, to the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicant rejects any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences. For each of these reasons individually and for all these reasons collectively, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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